

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a1 -- A first aspect of the invention is a method for storing data from a network on a node. A first plex is connected to a network device, and a second plex is connected to a data storage device. Both plexes are grouping into a logical volume. Data is received from the network by the first plex and stored on the storage device by the second plex. The data is directly communicated from a kernel layer of a source node to a kernel layer of a target node. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a2 -- A second aspect of the invention is a networked computer system. Each node in the system includes a data storage device, and first and second plexes. The first plex is connected to a network device and the second plex is connected to the data storage device. A volume is connected to both the first and second plexes adapted to directly communicate data from a kernel layer of a source node to a kernel layer of a target node.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:

a3 -- A third aspect of the invention is an article comprising a computer-readable signal bearing medium with means for communicating to a networked computer system. The article includes two plexes. A first plex is connected to the communication means and the second plex is connected to a data storage device. Both the first and second plexes are connected to the volume. The article also includes means in the medium for managing a direct the transfer of data from a kernel layer of a source node to a kernel layer of a target node.--